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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PERSONNEL MOVES DESCRIBED IN PARA 7 OF MOSCOW 1006
SOUND DOABLE TO US AND TO EUR/EX AND WE FAVOR YOUR IMMEDIATE
SUBMISSION OF A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION. OBVIOUSLY WE ARE
DELIGHTED THAT FARRAND WOULD BE COMING TO BILAT AND I
APPRECIATE THE EFFORT YOU HAVE MADE AT YOUR END TO HELP OUT
SOV.

2. RE PARA 2B OF MOSCOW 800, WE VERY MUCH WANT SHAUN IN
THE HENDERSON SLOT. WE WOULD OF COURSE DEFER TO YOU,
SHOULD YOU HAVE A SLOT IN MIND FOR WHICH YOU NEED HIM
THERE. OTHERWISE, WE BELIEVE THE BILAT ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE
IN HIS INTEREST AS WELL AS OURS. WE WERE AWARE OF HIS
THINKING ABOUT CHINESE LANGUAGE TRAINING. WE HAVE SOME IN-
SIGHT TO THAT AREA, AND IF ASKED WOULD ADVISE HIM TO
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CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHERE THE ACTION IS AND TO STAY IN
SOVIET AFFAIRS.

3. WE HAVE OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS RAISED IN REFTELS, PLUS
MOSCOW 1056, ON OUR AGENDA HERE.

4. WE OWE YOU ONE ON THE WARWARIV MATERIALS. THEY WERE

HANDED TO MARSHALL, WHO I SUPPOSE OUT OF A SENSE OF PRE-SERVING THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVACY DID NOT MENTION THEM TO ME BUT PASSED THEM DIRECTLY TO M. EVENTUALLY SY TOOK ACTION, INFORMING WARWARIV IN PARIS AND YOU. I ASSUMED THAT IN INFORMING YOU THEY WOULD ALSO LET YOU KNOW THE PROVENANCE OF THE MATERIALS. I HAVE NOT SEEN THEM MYSELF.

5. BEFORE PASSING ON YOUR COMMENTS ON KAY OLIVER TO HARRY GELMAN, I SHOULD LET YOU KNOW THAT BOB KOVACH IS PREPARING TO WRITE YOU ABOUT THEIR CANDIDATE FOR TDY IN THE ECONOMIC SECTION. RAY CONVERSE IS THE CANDIDATE; HE DOES WHAT SOUNDS LIKE RATHER DETAILED WORK ON INDUSTRY, READS AT THE FOUR PLUS LEVEL AND SPEAK ONE PLUS (BUT WOULD BE TRAINED UP). I POINTED OUT THE HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE PROBLEMS, WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND. RAY IS FLEXIBLE RE TIMING, AND LENGTH OF STAY. ANY COMMENTS, OR WOULD YOU RATHER WAIT FOR BOB'S LETTER?

6. EMBASSY'S 993 ADDED A USEFUL PIECE OF INFORMATION TO THE CONSIDERATION OF INDIA'S BAN ON RHESUS MONKEY EXPORTATION WHICH TODAY MADE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES (NO REFERENCE TO SOVIETS). ALTHOUGH HEW EARLY SUGGESTED THAT WE EXPLOIT GOOD RELATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CIRCLES WITH SOVIETS, WE HAVE SAID NO MOVE SHOULD BE MADE PENDING ASSESSMENT OF INDIAN ATTITUDES. ADDITIONALLY, THE US MILITARY TESTING PROGRAM INVOLVING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MONKEYS REPORTEDLY HAS RELEVANCE TO THE NEUTRON BOMB, A FACTOR THAT MIGHT BE USED BY SOME SOVIETS TO OUR DIS-ADVANTAGE WITH RESPECT TO HOPES FOR INDIAN GOVERNMENT REVERSAL OF ITS EXPORT BAN. VANCE

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